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1. ALGERIAN LNG PLANT AT SKIKDA HAS BECOME THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION AGAIN SINCE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT'S VISIT TO ALGIERS. PLANT BUILT BY FRENCH CONSTRUCTION FIRM TECHNIP HAS BEEN PLAGUED WITH TROUBLES SINCE IT FIRST STARTED IN 1972-- VIBRATIONS OF ITS TURBINES, HEAT EXCHANGER LEAKS, STORM DAMAGE AND NOW MERCURY IN ITS PIPING. IT HAS NEVER HAD ALL THREE LNG TRAINS GOING AT FULL PERFORMANCE.

2. PLANT IS NOW TOTALLY CLOSED DOWN REPORTEDLY FOR DETERMINATION OF CAUSE AND ELIMINATION OF MERCURY WHICH IS HIGHLY CORROSIVE. RUMORS ARE RIFE, BUT SONATRACH AND FRENCH ARE NOT PUBLICIZING PROBLEM. FRENCH HAVE PRIVATELY TOLD REPORTING OFFICER MERCURY COMES FROM WASTE OF ALGERIAN MERCURY MINES NEAR SKIKDA. PRITCHARD RHODES, LNG EXPERT SAYS MERCURY DOES NOT REPEAT NOT COME FROM HASSI-R'MEL GAS WHICH PRITCHARD CLEANS AND DOUBTS IT COMES FROM MERCURY MINES.
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